Rise in prices of essential drugs

947. SHRl BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the life sav->ng drugs and essential drugs, the market prices of which are likely to shoot up after the implementation of the new DPCO;

(b) the extent of expected price rise in each case; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to keep the prices under check and within reach of the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Prices of some Category-1 and II formulations are likely to go up while those of some other Category-1 formulations may come down.

(hi The change in price will very from case to case.

(c) The prices of all price controlled bulk drugs and formulations will be regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Private Sector participation in Power Projects

948. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has set up a task force on private sector participation in new power projects; if so, what arc the details thereof;

(b) what is likely to be the scale of participation of private sector in these investments and what will be the approximate private sector percentage investment to the total investment required; and

(c) whether facilities have been given by Central Government and the State Governments to private sector to set up captive power plants; if so, how many such power plants have been set up so far, with details (hereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Working Group, which was set up to study the modalities of private sector participation in electric power generation included, among others, representatives of the Central Electricity Authority, the State Electricity Boards and the private sector. The extent of future participation and investment by the private sector in this field would depend on the proposals which are found acceptable.

(cl Permission to install captive power plants is accorded where the requirement of power is substantial and continuous and reliable power supply is necessary. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to accord such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW; consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary in cases where the proposed capacity is more than 25 MW.

Details in regard to the plants set up are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drug manufacturers' representation against New Drug Policy

949. SHRl KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Drugs and Pharmaceuticals manufacturers have submitted a representation that the new drug policy does not help the industry; if so. what are the details thereof and what is Government's response thereto; and

(b) what measures are being taken to ensure that the new policy does not favour multinationals '. '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Most sections of the Indian drugs and pharamaceuticals industry have, by and large, welcomed and commenced the recently

announced measures for rationalisation, quality control and growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry. The measures do not in any way favour the multinational.

Drugs manufactured by different producers

950. SHRl AJIT P. K.. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several drugs are being produced in the country by more than one producer;

\b) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there arc multiplicity of prices due to different cost of production of each producer, due to technology difference, locational and rther factors;

(d) if so. what was the cost of production of each producer;

(e) whether it is also a fact that three options of return have been guaranteed to the producer of times under DPCO, 19X7; and

(f) if so. how the average price will be fixed in the absence erf Drug Prices Equalisation Account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) My Ministry monitors the production of 87 bulk drugs. Names of these drugs are published in the performance Budget of this Ministry, copies of which have been laid on the Table of the House. Most of these drugs are produced by several producers.

(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) Since the number of producers for (he 87 bulk drugs are numerous, time and labour involved in collection and compilation of cost of production in respect of eaeli of them will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) A weighted average price for a hulk drug will be fixed taking into account the different prices fixed for different manufacturers in respect of that bulk drug on the basis of options exercised by them.

एच. बी. जे. पाइपलाइन

951. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एच.बी.जे. पाइपलाइन के प्रथम चरण का निर्माण-कार्य पूरा हो गया है और इस परियोजना के अन्तर्गत उत्पन्न होने वाला कच्चा माल उपयुक्त उपयोग के अभाव में बिना इस्तेमाल पड़ा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कच्चे माल का उपयुक्त उपयोग करने के लिए गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने क्या भावी कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारr«?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) हजीरा से विजयपुर तक एच. बी. जे. पाइपलाइन का पहला चरण अगस्त, 1987 में चालू कर दिया गया है। और इसने विजयपुर में एन एफ एल के उर्वरक संयंत्र को प्राकृतिक गैस की सप्लाई आरम्भ कर दी है। इस संयंत्र द्वारा ली जाने वाली गैस 0.2 एम एम सी एम डी से बढ़कर 0.5 एम एम सी एम डी हो गई है और धीरे-धीरे बढ़कर 1987 के अन्त तक यह 1.65 एम एम सी एम डी हो जाएगी।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

गोबर से ऊर्जा प्राप्त किया जाना

952. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **ऊर्जा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश भर में गोबर से प्राप्त ऊर्जा का कोई आकलन किया गया है और यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी पता लगाया गया है कि इसका 90 प्रतिशत से भी अधिक भाग ईंधन के रूप में इस्तेमाल कर दिया जाता है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इसको उचित ढंग से और उचित समय पर प्रयोग किए जाने की व्यवस्था करेगी और यदि हां, तो इस प्रयोजन